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GUNN BILL PASSES TO THIRD READING **BY 44 TO 39 VOTE**

Measure to Block Annexation Carries New Revenue Plan.

OPPONENTS TURN NEXT TO SENATE

Amendment Will to a Large Extent Prevent Immediate Improvement of Territory Which Richmond Proposes to Annex-Henrico County to Spend Nothing.

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dollar for dollar for the full value of schoolhouses or other property taken in.

The Gunn amendment was adopted, 45 to 35, and a motion to reconsider was pending when the chair was pending when the chair was was said at the fort that it was impossible as well as the fort that it wa was pending when the chair was was yacated at midday.

Montague Opposes Bill. At the afternoon session Mr. Monta-ue, of Richmond, took the floor, claim- WILLIAM DURST CELEBRATES ing that the House had acted hastily, that the members had not appreciated the wonderful growth of Richmond, that the members had not appreciated the wonderful growth of Richmond, exceeded in the whole country by only a few cities in the far West, and which made Imperative an extension of the corporate lines. Even with the proposed limits, the city area in acres will be by no means equal to that of Richmond's chief Southern competitor, Atlanta. Mr. Montague explained the procedure under the general annexation law, and said that Judge Campbell, of Wytheville, had been designated to sit in the case. He saw no reason why the General Assembly should pass an act to interfere with a court procedure already pending.

Mr. Gunn said that, if necessary, he

Mr. Guan said that, if necessary, he would sacrifice every other bill on the calendar to get this measure passed. He considered the proposed annexation a deathblow to Herrice and Monitor. He was personally commended for bravery after the battle. a deathblow to Henrico and claimed that Richmond could put 330,000 people into the area proposed to be an-

washington, March 2—The Supreme Court Refuses Petition of Convicted Iron Workers.

Mr. Myers, of Richmond, drew a laugh by referring to the "sweet disposition of the member from Henrico," but when the laugh was over, demanded to know why he was so anxious to show his sweet disposition only to the officeholders of his county, who were anxious for their fees, and who, for that reason, were opposing any annexation.

"If the annexation as proposed were affected," he said, "it would leave Henrico the eighth wealthiest county in the State, while the great bulk of the values were made not from the fact that it is good farming land, but from the fact that it is contiguous to a city."

Mr. Myers asserted that the received to grant a review of the conviction of the "dyna-miting cases" of Frank M. Ryan and twenty-three other members of the Bridge Workers' Union. Only a pardon can now keep the convicted men out of the penitentiary. Conviction of Kyan and his follows associates in the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, resulted from the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times Building and other structures. The government did not Indiet the labor leaders on charges of blowing up the buildings, but with conspiracy to carry explosives on interstate traffs on which passengers were riding.

WILL SET WEDDING DATE

Mr. Myers asserted that the people of

BATTLE IS DESPERATE

scattered pieces

The huge fron fragments smashed were standing was shattered, and eral of the men were thrown of

as yet to tell how badly was injured.

PARDON THEIR ONLY HOPE

WILL SET WEDDING DATE

STILL MORE EVIDENCE Attoracys for Frank Have More Surprises to Spring. Atlanta, Ga., March 3.—Lawyers for the Mrank, under death sentence for the murdor of Mary Phagan, to-day were busily engaged in the arrangement of new evidence which will be submitted to the Superior Court with an extraordinary motion for a new trial. The newly-discovered evidence is said to include several affidavits which have not been made public. There apparently is little probability that Frank will be executed on April 17, the date recently designated by Judge Hill, of the Superior Court. Indications are that the extraordinary motion for a new trial will not be submitted until a few days before the date set for the execution. If the extraordinary motion is denied by the Superior Court judge, it is stated that an appeal to the Supreme Court will be made. The action would automatically result in an indefinite stay of execution. Activities of the defense were expected to be renewed this week by the arrival of the head of a detective agency of national reputation, whose agents have been working on the case. That the State is not remaining inactive is shown by a new affidavit, in which George W. Epps, Jr., repudiated his affidavit to the defense, in which he declared that he perjured binself diring the Frank trial. In the new affidavit Epps declares that he was correct into repudiating testimony given during the trial in regard to the day she is supposed to have been killed. BATTLE IS DESPERATE ALL-NIGHT SEARCH MADE FOR BODIES MADE FOR BODIES IN SMOKING RUIN Hope for Safety of Twenty-Five Missing Persons Abandoned. Twenty-Five Missing Persons Abandoned. The first of the Superior Court in the supposed to the supposed to have been killed. BELIEVED LOS Hope for Safety of Twenty-Five Missing Persons Abandoned. This first of the Superior Court with a specific state of the supposed to the su MADE FOR BODIES IN SMOKING RUINS

Hope for Safety of State and War Depart-Twenty-Five Missing

THIRTY-FIVE LIVES BELIEVED LOST

Holocaust at St. Louis, When Missouri Athletic Club Building Burns, Trapping Many Explosion of Gas Responsible for Disaster.

Rickey, John Martin, Chicago, treas-rer Ford Manufacturing Company roofing materials); burned to death on nird floor; leaves widow and child.

Rellly, James D., St. Louis, member form Ware & Reilly, contractors.

Erd, William E., East St. Louis, Ill., eal estate dealer, suffocated and

man Underwood Typewriter Company.
Three unidentified, one believed to
be Thomas Wright, secretary of the
Apollo Club and traveling auditor of

Maine; hands burned and head

C. Little, Chicago, knee wrenched, suggesti Charles Schinnel, Chicago, both legs John Dwyer, Engine Company No.

fractured; caught under Magill, house manager Missourl Athletic Club, burned about the Mrs. Robert Magill, feet burned and

The Missing. The list of missing is as follows: Marx Hammer, president of Neu-

William J. Kiner, president of Kiner George Goener, president Holstein E. Chasnoff, advertising depart.

Roby Green, president Herrin Sup-Company, Herrin, 111 A. J. Odegaard, salesman, Spencer-

L. A. Duff, salesman, Pierce Oil Cor-Thomas Shyne, salesman Underwood

pewriter Company,
Marshall Bier, of Bier & Company, Allen Dow, salesman, B. Nugent &

F. A. Albright, salesman, Rice-Stix

W. J. McGinnis, salesman, B. Nugent & Brothers Dry Goods Company. J. L. Hachalen, of Luclede Gaslight

J. A. Chester, salesman, Roberts-Johnson & Rand Shoe Company, W. A. Hunicke, railroad engineer, Missouri Pacific Railroad.

McKennn, nonresident mem-A. T. Ranus, with the New York inderwriters, of Mount Vernon, Ill.

W. S. Barnes, a merchant, Sikeston, identification and evidence

Norman Hancock, salesman for the

Williams, a salesman. - Wolfson. William Conboy, head beliboy at M.

Mike Thuma, a guest of Charles Schinnel, of Chicago.

In order to lose no time in the work of rescue, arrangements were made to continue the work all night. Four Mr. Myers asserted that the people of the annexed territory wanted to come in—not a citizen of Chesterfield or Henrico appeared before the House Committee on Countles, Citles and Towns to advocate the Gunn measure, blocking annexation save fee office-holders and paid attorneys.

The vote, by which the Gunn amendments were adopted, was reconsidered it to 30, and on a roll call, 44 to 43

Wants to See City Grow.

Speaking as a citizen of recently (Continued On Seventh Page.)

WILL SET WILDING DATA

Aster and Finnece Await Coming of Mrs. Aster.

New York, March 9.—It is expected that a date will be set for the wed in the ruins, and a fresh relief corps was recruited from the outlying companies to supplant the firemen, who were on duty all day. The police squad of fifty men was relieved by a fresh squad of fifty men was relieved by a fresh squad of fifty men was relieved by a fresh relief where the wedding, it was said to-day, probably will be self-in squad of fifty men was relieved by a fresh relief where the wedding, it was said to-day, probably will be self-in squad of fifty men was relieved by a fresh relief where the wedding, it was said to-day, probably will be self-in squad of fifty men was relieved by a fresh relief where the wedding. It was said to-day, probably will be self-in the firemen, who were on duty all day. The police squad of fifty men was relieved by a fresh relief where the wedding. It was said to-day, probably will be self-in the firemen, who were on duty all day. The police squad of fifty men was relieved by a fresh relief where the wedding. It was said to-day, probably will be self-in the firemen, who were on duty all day. The police squad of fifty men was relieved by a fresh relief where the wedding. It was said to-day, probably will be self-in the firemen, who were on duty all day. The police squad of fifty men was relieved by a fresh relief where the wedding. It was said to-day, probably will be self-in the firemen, who were on duty all day. The police squad of fifty men was relieved by a

RETURN OF BODY TO SOIL OF TEXAS STILL IS MYSTERY

ments Are Seeking Information.

RANGER CAPTAIN FAILS TO EXPLAIN

All Washington Knows Is That Remains of Vergara, Victim of Mexicans, Have Been Brought Across Border-Colquitt Promises All Possible Details.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
St. Louis, Mo., March 2—Between thirty and thirty-five persons lost their lives in the fire, which destroyed the Missouri Athletic Chib and Boatmen's Bank Building this morning.
Officials of the club, after checking up all day, announced that there was no hope that the twenty-five reported missing could have escaped. Eight bodies are at the morgue.
The revised list of dead follows:
Kessier, Edwin C., St. Louis, cashier, Ludlow Saylor Wire Company, killed in jump from sixth floor.

Rickey, John Martin, Chicago, treas-

is on Texas soil.

A brief telegram to the State Department to-day from American consul Garrett, at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, said the body had been found, and that demander is.

Ill., and Texas Rangers crossed the border and brought the body back, reporting their action to Governor Colquitt. This slow process did not satisfy Secretary Bryan, who promptly wired the consult to make the the body by telegraph, and this is being awaited.

Three unidentified, one believed to be Thomas Wright, secretary of the Apollo Club and traveling auditor of Lemp's Brewery.

The Injured.
Fellowing is a revised list of the injured:
Thesolore Levy, salesman, treated at city dispensary for cut hands; rescued by fireman while clinsing to a window sill on sixth floor.

Ned M. Scott, St. Louis, left hip fractured; internal injuries.

Bea F. Williams, 2011 West Broadway, Louisville, Ey., salesman from Brown Shoe Company; leg fractured internal injuries, in serious condition.

B. C. Holmes, McComb, Miss., at city hospital.

L. L. Leonard, lawyer, jumped; ribs fractured; feet crushed; hurt internally.

Lee Wolf, merchant at Caruthersyille, No., contusions and possible fracture of spine.

David Hlum, purchasing agent for Sitx, lace & Fuller Dry Goods Company, right foot fractured in fall.

B. D. Harned, Chleago, superintendent of an electrical supply company, right foot fractured in fall, and right ankle fractured in fall sumping from sixth floor.

Edward T. Kaub, Chicago, salesman; abrasions and contusions in right hand and left knee.

William Kerner, house man at Misseouri Athletic Club, both feet fractured in jumping from sixth floor to roof of four-story building.

F. W. Williams, New York, connected with Globo Canning Company, Eastport, Maine; hands burned and head bruised.

P. C. Little, Chicago knee wrenched will be in accordance with Mr. Moore's wil it is inferred that subsequent steps will be in accordance with Mr. Moore's

Little Official Information Acting Chairman Shively, of the Sen-ate Foreign Relations Committee, to-day conferred with President Wilson and then with Secretary Bryan about the Vergara case, and said afterward that little official information had bee received. incidentally, the President denied that the American government knew anything of a published report that Germany had warned Mexico that German subjects would meet with retaliation. The President told callers that Germany's attitude toward the position of the United States in the Mexican situation had been satin the Mexican situation and been sat-isfactory and friendly and that Ger-many had occupied a most dignified position throughout. He did not be-lieve reports, he added, that Germany was disposed to complicate the situa-

Consul Letcher so far has made no report to the State Department on the case of Snyman, the former Boer general and British ranch owner, who is sking protection for his through the United States government was said that nothing had heard of Gustav Bauch American who disappeared from Juarez several weeks ago. As for the com mission charged Brothers Dry Goods Company.

Bert Crouch, salesman, Western Secretary Bryan to-day said its status was unchanged.

Sanders Makes Report

Austin. Austin, Texas, March 9.—Prelimin-ary to an official investigation of the execution in Mexico of Clemente gara, American ranchman,' and the mysterious return of his body Sunday to the United States, Governor O. B. Colquitt, of Texas, late to-day directed Adjutant-General Henry Hut chins to proceed to Laredo imme-diately to view the body. Mr. Hutchins left for Laredo to-night. instructed that photographs be Lillian Bamsey, a maid at the club, taken of the wounds in the body and Last seen at 9:30 P. M. Sunday in her of the burned left hand, and proper of the burned left hand, and proper "Dr. R. G. C measurements be made for purposes of san of General John J. Ratz, of the Ryffel-Ratz available information on the exhum-

(Continued On Second Page.)

Popularity

The vote for the most popube school teacher in Richmond was begun on yesterday, and the race is on.

The handsome prize offered by The Times-Dispatch is \$500.00 piano-player, fully equipped, but the award will carry with it more than money can buy, for the winner will stand out as one who enjoys the respect and affection of the community.

These are prizes worth win-

Victim of Mexican Brutality Whose Body Was Recovered



VEIL IS DRAWN FROM **MEXICAN OUTRAGES ONFLOOR OF SENATE**

Washington, March 5.—Here is the list of murders and murderous outrages imminent danger of a conflict between perpetrated on American citizens since the beginning of the revolution in Mexico, which was read on the floor of the Senate to-day by Senator Fall of with which we should always be at Washington, March 5 .-- Here is the list of murders and murderous outrages Mexico, which was read on the floor of the Senate to-day by Senator Fall, of New Mexico, in support of his plea for armed intervention.

The list was prepared by Senator Fall from private information and with the aid of the State Department. The list reads: "Mrs. Anderson, daughter and neighbor's boy, killed January 22, 1911, Chihuahua; murderers arrested, served six months in jail, and released. Ma-

dere soldiers. "Mabel Richardson, little girl, outraged at Colonia, Juarez. No attempt to punish perpetrators.

"James D. Harvey, killed, State of Chihuahua, May, 1912. Nothing done. "William Adams, killed, July 2, 1912, with his daughter's arms around

"William Adams, killed, July 2, 1912, with his daughter's arms around him, by Mexican officer. Nothing done.

"Thomas Fountaine, killed after court-martial by Salazar at Parral, after warning from Washington. Salazar, later arrested on this side of the border, charged with smuggling, and later released. Now held at Fort Bliss.

"Joshua Stevens, killed near Colonia Pacheco, August 26, 1912, in defending daughters from attack."

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Killing of Rogers Palmer, Englishman, because of failure to open safe urango, 1913. "Wounding of Carlos Von Brandis and L. W. Elder, Americans, by ex-

wounding of Carlos Von Brandls and L. W. Elder, Americans, ion of bomb. Foreigners compelled to pay ransom, "II. W. Steph, American, shot on failure to pay 500 pesos' ransom. "A. W. Laurilaut, English subject, beaten, shot and left for dead. "Edmund Hayes, American employe of the Madera Company. "Robert Thomas, American citizen, negro, killed at Madera by Mexican Federal officer. Nothing done until Senator Fall called attention of the State Department and the President to the fact that the officer was in Juarez. inally arrested and later discharged. 'What has been done?' asked

ator Fall.

"B. Stowe, shot in Chihuahua by rebels. Nothing done.

"Benjamin Griffin, rancher, murdered by bandits near Chuichupa.

"John H. Williams, mining engineer, killed by stray bullet when rebels the situation in this way, he doesn't furnish reason why we should resort furnish reason why we should resort to the remedy suggested. The very attacked Nacozari

"U. G. Wolf, mining engineer, murdered by outlaws in Northern Sonora. "Mrs. E. W. Holmes, killed by a shell during bombardment of Mexico City. "Frank Ward, shot in back by bandits in home near Yago, Tepic Territory. John S. H. Howard, United States customs inspector, assassinated near

Pass, Texas,
Pablo Soto, merchant of Naco, Ariz., killed by stray bullet during conflict in between Federals and rebels Bushnell, mounted policeman, killed in Naco, Ariz, by stray bullet

Frank Howard, killed by bandits in Coalcoman, State of Michoacan, "Herbert L. Russell, ranch manager, near city of Durango, murdered by

"Robert Williams, policeman, Phoenix, Ariz., killed by Mexican bandits when he crossed line to attend a celebration of Mexican Independence Day.
"Scott Price, bystander, killed when bandits were firing on Williams.
"N. Matheson, aged and crippled Mormon, killed while fleeing Colonia Morelos, Sonora, when bandits were looting the town.

"Mexican American, executed near Agua Pricta because rebels were in hearty accord with President were in hearty accord with President Wilson in his Mexican policy, and "deplayed the willing of the people of his State and the President are neglecting any duty that involves the peace and welfare of the country."

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"W. P. Wiate, plantation manager at Ochetal, Vera Cruz, killed when he refused to pay money demanded by bandits.
"H. L. Strausse, formerly correspondent for New York Herald, killed with President and Secretary of State were "H. L. Strausse, formerly correspondent for New York Heraid, Killed with President and thirty-four other noncombatants when Zapatistas held up train near Cuantla, doing, he said.

Morelos.

"Thomas C. Kane, conductor on Guanajuato Railroad, shot through head when bandits wrecked train and killed many passengers.

"Pehr Olsen Seffer, formerly a professor in the University of California, is peculiar," he added. "They would stop bloodshed with three servants, near Cuernavaca.

"R. H. Ferguson, San Francisco, Troop F, Third United States Cavalry, killed by bullet fired over the border.

o unidentified men, killed in El Paso by stray bullets fired by Federals go to war there."

Texans from the border had assured 'Dr. R. G. Clarke, of Taylorsville, Ill., shot dead in Mexico City by a parti-John R. Lockhart, of Scotts City, Mo., mining engineer, killed by bandits

in Durange "R. N. Meredith, of Troy, O, struck by built in a hotel during bombardment of Mexico City "Mrs. Percy Griffith, legs shot off during hombardment in Mexico City.

"A. E. Thomas, murdered by bandits while protecting wife and seven dren near Nogales. Robert Huntington, railroad switchman, shot without cause near Agua Prieta.
"J. C. Edwards, native of Virginia, shot to death while accidentally within

rebel lines near Agua Prieta, April 13, 1311.
"Stepson of J. M. Foster, of Newark, N. J., killed at Alamo, southern part of California, because he had professionally treated a wounded insurgent.
"John Hertling, of Douglas, Ariz., a German-American citizen, hanged near
Nogales by rebels under Orozco.

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'Guido Schubert, of Douglas, Ariz., a friend of Hertling, hanged at same "John Camp, killed near American immigration station in El Paso when rebels attacked Juarez. "Antonio Garzia, killed in El Paso by stray rebel bullet.

"Clarence H. Cooper, throat cut and robbed at Pearson.
"Graham Taylor, at Aguas Callentes, English, died after being robbed; also an unknown American killed

Fifteen victims of the wrecked train at Cumbre tunnel were Americans, "Alfred Olcott, of Los Angeles, shot in Senora recently, with partner, in defending latter's wife and daughter.

Clemente Vergara, Gustav Bauch, Americans, and William Benton, Eng-Hsh. Nearly every item in Senator Fall's list contains the date of the alleged sonal knowledge.

FALL DENOUNCES WILSON'S POLICY TOWARD MEXICO

Pleads for Intervention to Avoid Inevitable War.

SENATOR LIFTS LID OF SECRECY

Lays Bare Before Colleagues Conditions in Southern Republic, and Submits Long List of Outrages Committed on American Citizens-Shively Deplores Publicity.

Washington, March 9 .- The lid of ecreey regarding Mexican affairs was lifted in the United States Senate to-

lifted in the United States Senates and day by Senator Fail, Republican, of New Mexico, who urged armed intervention for the protection of Americans and other foreigners in the stricken republic.

The galleries were crowded to overflowing and remained so for hours, until Senator Shively, of Indiana, had spoken for the administration, expressing regret that the subject had been discussed in open session, and averring that no adequate solution had been offered for the problem.

Senator Fall, in a lengthy narration of incidents of outrages to Americans in Mexico, held the interest of the Senate and galleries for more than three hours. Assalling the administration policy as inadequate, and declaring that President Wilson knew nothing about real conditions, and had been mistaken in every act of his administration toward Mexico. been mistaken in every act of his ad-ministration toward Mexico, the New Mexico Senator pleaded for interven-tion for protection to avoid inevitable

Emphasizes Danger of War.
Emphasizing the danger of war with
a great foreign power unless something should be done speedily, Senator Fall referred to comments in the German press over the killing of the British subject, Benton, by order of General Villa's court-martial, and de-

"When the German official press says that, should a German citizen be murdered in Mexico, Germany would not acquiesce like Great Britain, then I say to you Senators, there is

peace.

"I believe the American people can be left to handle any critical condition, provided they are informed on the subject. I am not one who believes it can be incompatible with the public interest to send to this Senate details of outrages on American citizens. I am not one who believes the Constitution should be pushed aside and one man allowed to assume the authoritative and legislative powers of the government."

thus had been discussed in the open Senate, declaring it would have harm-ful influence on the attitude and tem-per of the Mexican people.

All Know What It Means.
"No one doubts what intermeans," said Senator Shively lution of the difficulty is available by watching and waiting the people of the United States could have a just grievance against their government if it should start now the muster, the march, the camp and the battlefield. The government is exerting its encrgies to work out a solution without precipitating war. After all we have listened to, I put to you if a prac-tical solution has been suggested. Beto the remedy suggested. The very description has given of Mexico repels the idea that it is an easy way out of the difficulty. Of course, the situaof the difficulty. Of course, tion in Mexico is regrettable.

"Those who are responsible for our foreign policy are doing all that can be done. They are not swift to rush to arms; they are men who think and weigh the facts, and measure consequences of acts before they commus to them. I repel the notion expressed to-day that the Department

him, Senator Sheppard asserted, that there was no excitement, "except in the imagination of the Governor. that they were dealing with both sides across the border in commercial ventures without difficulty as long as they kept to their own affairs. The portion of the population along the border, which was American only in name, and outrages, he said, actually takes interest in any politics, American or Mexican, and are herded to the polls every two years by unscrupulous poli-

"I believe, and the majority of Americans believe," concluded t Texas Senator, "that if this matter left to President Wilson, he will find a way out without war. We will pray that the foothardness of adventurous men and scheming politicians will not

drive us into war."

Senator Fall urged the use of the army and navy of the United States for "protection of Americans and other foreigners in Mexico," which, he said. foreigners in Mexico," which, he said, would prevent war. He gave a list of concerning which he said he had per-

With the solemn declaration that